

Please insert the heading at page 1, after line 29, as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 35, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the invention, this object is achieved by forming the inner part with a hub which has an internal thread for the threaded shaft of the driving machine.

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Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 28, in its entirety, and insert the heading as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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Please insert the heading at page 2, after line 24, as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4.

Please add new claims 5-8 as follows:

Sub B1 5. (New) A backing plate for abrasive flap wheels, said backing plate comprising

an inner part formed with a hub having a location hole provided with an internal thread for engaging a threaded shaft of a driving machine, and

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